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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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INFO USINT ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

USINT BAGHDAD

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AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: REPORTED US LONGSHOREMEN'S BOYCOTT OF SHIPPING TO ARAB  
PORTS

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS DETAILS OF REPORTED BOYCOTT BY AMERICAN LONG-  
SHOREMEN OF ALL SHIPPING DEPARTING FOR ARAB PORTS. ACCORDING TO  
BEIRUT PRESS, TEDDY GLEASON, PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL LONGSHORE-  
MEN(S ASSOCIATION (ILA), ANNOUNCED ILA MEMBERS WOULD REFUSE TO  
LOAD ANY SHIP SAILING FOR ARAB WORLD UNTIL ARABS LIFT EMBARGO ON

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OIL TO US.

2. NEWS REPORT COMES AT INOPPORTUNE TIME. THREAT OF ARAB LABOR BOYCOTT OF AMERICAN SHIPPING, AIRLINES AND OTHER INTERESTS, WHICH LOOMED LARGE ONE MONTH AGO, HAS VIRTUALLY ENDED LOCALLY (BEIRUT 12990) AND APPEARS TO HAVE RECEDED ELSEWHERE IN ARAB WORLD. WIDE-SPREAD AND EFFECTIVE EMBARGO ACTION BY ILA, HOWEVER, WOULD MOST PROBABLY TRIGGER ARAB LABOR RESPONSE. IN VIEW OF ONE FRIENDLY LEBANESE LABOR LEADER, ILA BOYCOTT WOULD FURNISH COMMUNISTS, SYRIANS AND OTHER ANTI-US FORCES IN ARAB LABOR CIRCLES STRONG ARGUMENT WITH WHICH TO REVIVE CONSIDERATION OF ARAB LABOR BOYCOTT OF US INTERESTS. MOREOVER, WITH RESUMPTION OF WEEKLY PANAM FLIGHTS TO DAMASCUS, OF FREQUENT US SHIP CALLS TO BEIRUT, AND OF OTHER NEAR NORMAL ACTIVITIES BY US COMPANIES, MORE TARGETS ARE EMERGING FOR ARAB LABOR RETALIATORY ACTION.

3. EMBASSY THEREFORE REQUESTS ANY INFO IT CAN USE TO MOST EFFECTIVELY EXPLAIN AND PUT LONGSHOREMEN ACTIVITIES IN PERSPECTIVE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH CONCERNED FRIENDLY TRADE UNION AND GOVERNMENT CONTACTS.

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